



Port Glasgow

Locality plan 2020

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1 - Introduction

Welcome to Port Glasgow's locality plan.

The development of this plan is part of a new approach being adopted by Inverclyde Alliance, the area's community planning partnership to work with local communities to plan and deliver services that will make a real difference to the lives of people in Port Glasgow.

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 placed a legal duty on Inverclyde Alliance to demonstrate that it is making a significant difference to the lives of residents through the planning and delivery of local outcomes and the involvement of community bodies at all stages of community planning. In addition, the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 (the Act) puts in place the legislative framework to integrate health and social care services in Scotland. Section 29(3)(a) of the Act requires each Integration Authority to establish at least two localities within the area.

Both these pieces of legislation have provided the opportunity for Inverclyde Alliance and Inverclyde Health and Social Care Partnership (HSPC) to develop six locality plans for the localities listed below.

- Kilmacolm and Quarriers Village
- Port Glasgow
- Greenock East and Central
- Greenock West and Gourock
- Greenock South and South West
- Inverkip and Wemyss Bay

The purpose of this locality plan is to outline the key issues in Port Glasgow that have been identified through the statistical information we hold for this locality, as well as extensive engagement with the community.

The locality plan also identifies a range of actions that will be taken to address these issues by both Inverclyde Alliance and the local community in Port Glasgow working together.

Locality plans should be informed by communities themselves and work is ongoing to set up locality planning groups who will help us to finalise the development of the plans and work with us to deliver them.

The locality plans, and the locality groups, will help to inform and take forward participatory budgeting in Inverclyde. Participatory budgeting is a way for people to have a direct say in how local money is spent.

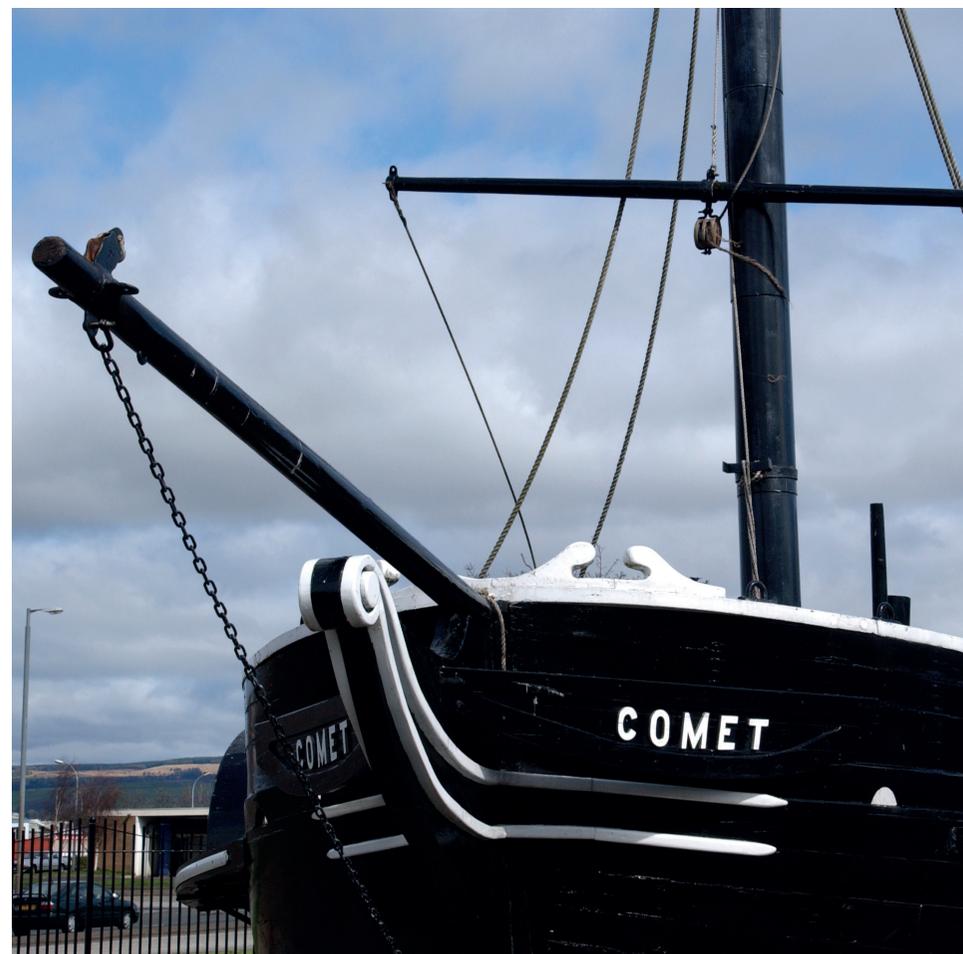
This is an exciting opportunity for anyone who would like to get actively involved in the way services are delivered and shape how their local community might look in the future.

Public bodies cannot do this alone, we need to listen to what local people say is important to them and include your views as we plan ahead together.

2 - Locality planning principles

Inverclyde Alliance and the Health and Social Care Partnership agree that the principles for locality planning should be:

- To engage with communities to develop and progress plans for the locality building on community assets.
- To bring community planning public sector partners together with communities to work together to bring about change.
- To co-ordinate and pull together community engagement processes and feedback.
- To work with communities to develop solutions to the issues identified by them.
- To share information across communities and partners.
- To make best use of and share resources.
- To take forward the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) locality planning structures and any other locality based approaches to service delivery.
- To take forward the requirement of Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.
- Support development of participatory budgeting.
- To meet any future demand from communities or requirements set out by national or local government.



3 - Locality planning membership

The locality plan will be driven by the locality partnership.

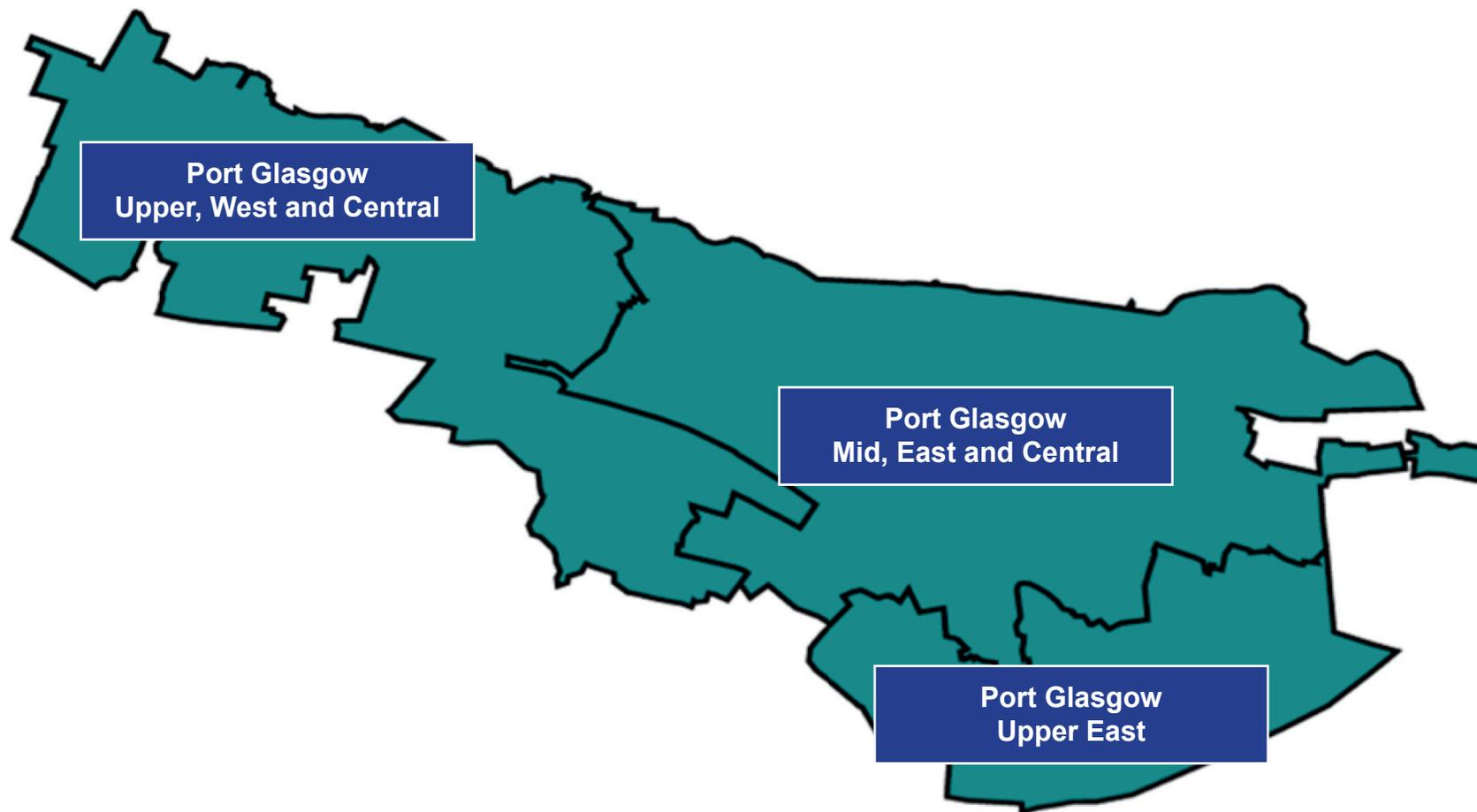
Each locality partnership will consist of:

- The chair
- Elected members for the locality
- Representatives of the third sector (Your Voice)
- Inverclyde Council community learning and development (CLD) link officer(s)
- Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) link officer(s)
- Police Scotland representative
- Scottish Fire and Rescue representative
- Chairs of Community Councils
- Community members
- Representative of the housing sector
- Representative of carers and patients
- Health and social care professionals e.g. GP's, pharmacists, practice nurses

This list is not exhaustive and as each locality partnership develops then more members may be invited or co-opted onto the partnership.



4 - Port Glasgow area profile



Population

- Port Glasgow is an urban area with a population of approximately 14,759 people (18.7% of Inverclyde's total population).
- 46% of the population are male
- 54% of the population are female
- 9,188 (62%) of the population is working age (16-64) (Source: SIMD 2020)

Health

- People residing in Port Glasgow have higher mortality rates than other localities in Inverclyde for cancer and coronary heart disease for under 75s, and for deaths by alcohol conditions for all ages.
- The average life expectancy for a male in Port Glasgow is 73 years and 79 years for a female.
- The rate of emergency hospital admissions is significantly higher than the Scottish average.
- 61% of Port Glasgow's datazones are in the 20% most health deprived in Scotland.
- The % of babies reported by the parent as being exclusively breastfed at 6-8 weeks post birth in Port Glasgow between 2015/16 and 2017/18 was 13%. This is slightly lower than the figure for the whole of Inverclyde at 15%.

Economic and environmental challenges in Port Glasgow

- The percentage of children living in low income families within Port Glasgow was 24.1% in 2016. (Source: Scottish Government / Open Data)
- 3,274 (22%) of the total population of Port Glasgow are identified as 'income deprived' (Source: SIMD 2020)
- 1,569 (17%) of the working population of Port Glasgow are identified as 'employment deprived' (Source: SIMD 2020)
- 72.5% of residents in Port Glasgow live within 500 metres of a derelict land site. (Scotpho Onlines Profile Tool)

5 - Engaging with the community of Port Glasgow

Extensive engagement has been carried out with residents in Port Glasgow to find out what they think about living in the area and to identify what improvements they would like to see take place.

Port Glasgow charrette 2014

A charrette for Port Glasgow town centre was undertaken in March 2014. A design charrette is an intensive multi disciplinary planning process that encourages active engagement of stakeholders in developing design ideas collaboratively in response to specific planning and urban design issues.

Key themes to emerge from the charrette included:

- **Making connections** - Different parts of Port Glasgow are separated by significant road or rail infrastructure. In addition, the town centre does not enjoy positive links to the retail park, Coronation Park or the communities of upper Port Glasgow.
- **Coronation Park** - Frequently raised by charrette participants as being a great but underperforming asset. The park feels cut off from the town, principally by the A8 dual carriageway. Further investment is required to improve the facilities.
- **Access to waterfront** - Many charrette participants felt that waterfront routes for walkers and cyclists beyond Coronation Park, both east and west were inadequately integrated. In addition, participants felt that Mirren Shore is an asset many local people are not aware of.
- **Severance** - The A8 and the railway are barriers to enhanced connectivity between parts of the town. The A8 separates Coronation Park and Mirren's Shore from the town centre. The railway restricts links to the town centre from the hillside and upper Port Glasgow.
- **Links to upper Port Glasgow** - many participants were of the view that the network of paths up the hillside in Port Glasgow need attention and that improved links to the significant neighbourhoods of Port Glasgow is essential. Initiatives to enhance Birkmyre Park and Devol Glen offer scope to improve routes associated with parkland and natural habitats.
- **Living in town centre** - Need for a greater range of housing options in the town centre to cater for different sized family units and circumstances.
- **Evening economy** - the lack of vibrant and thriving evening economy was raised as an issue with there being a restricted offer for evening activity in the town. Residents would like a more diverse offering of different leisure options within the town centre that create a more family friendly environment.
- **First impressions** - the town fails to give a good first impression. When approached along the A8 the town centre is obscured by unattractive walls and road infrastructure. It is not apparent to many road users how to access the town centre.
- **TransPort Glasgow** - enhancing public transport passenger facilities and services to encourage increased patronage, more visitors to the town and enhanced community access to the town centre services is fundamental, sustainable place.
- **Rich heritage** - Port Glasgow has a strong sense of place and community spirit and enjoys a proud and rich heritage. Charette participants recognised the importance of the town's history and believed that it should influence future regeneration.
- **Portonians: community spirit** - One of Port Glasgow's greatest assets is its strong community spirit. Participants in the charette believed that it was vital to foster this community spirit.

Our place our future 2017

In 2017 Inverclyde Alliance carried out a survey across Inverclyde called 'Our Place Our Future' which delved into a wide range of themes from traffic and parking, streets and spaces, to work, care, housing and local amenities.

There were 200 responses from residents living in Port Glasgow to the survey. Respondents were asked to rate how satisfied they were with various aspects of living in Port Glasgow on a rating of 1-7 where 1 represents not at all satisfied and 7 represents very satisfied.

Based on the overall average scores, satisfaction levels were highest with:

- Natural spaces (4.7)
- Streets and spaces (4.4)

The lowest scoring area in terms of satisfaction was:

- Care and maintenance (3.8)
- Work and local economy (3.7)
- Influence and sense of control (3.6)

People were asked "what do you like about your locality?"

- My area has lovely walking and cycling routes
- I love where I live, parks and natural spaces are good
- The retail park at Port Glasgow is very good
- Regeneration continues to make improvements
- I think it's a great place to live, people are quite attached to their communities
- Port Glasgow I Youth Zone is great

People were asked about their concerns regarding the locality

- Feel less safe outside in the evenings
- A lack of things for young people to do
- Poor pavements and footpaths
- Dog fouling
- Unreliable and expensive bus service
- Lack of quality jobs available in the area

Engagement with people for the HSCP strategic plan 2019-2020 The six "Big actions"

Inverclyde HSCP is built on our established integration arrangements and our vision, values and six 'big actions' have been shaped through a wide range of mechanisms of engagement, to reach as many local people, staff and carers as possible. We have also undertaken targeted engagement with the children and young people of Inverclyde to ensure that their voices are heard.

- **Big action 1** - Reducing inequalities by building stronger communities and improving physical and mental health.
- **Big action 2** - A nurturing Inverclyde will give our children and young people the best start in life.
- **Big action 3** - Together we will protect our population.
- **Big action 4** - We will support more people to fulfil their right to live at home or within a homely setting and promote independent living, together we will maximise opportunities to provide stable sustainable housing for all.
- **Big action 5** - Together we will reduce the use of, and harm from alcohol, tobacco and drugs.
- **Big action 6** - We will build on the strengths of our people and our community.

Engagement with young people for the HSCP strategic plan 2019-2020

219 children from across Inverclyde gave us their views and identified eight priorities and actions that are important to them.

These included:

- Life skills education
- Inter-generational participation
- Recovery: celebrating and supporting recovering communities
- Feeling safe and building relationships
- Mental health support, self-care and education
- Addiction: utilising people with lived experience as an educational resource
- Affordability and visibility of services / activities locally.
- Compassion and kindness

'Celebrate the present, shape the future' event 2019

In 2019 Inverclyde Alliance held a series of engagement events across all 6 localities in Inverclyde called "celebrate the past, shape the future". The Port Glasgow event was hosted at St John the Baptist Church hall on 29 August 2019 and was attended by more than 70 people.

Residents in Port Glasgow told us that that the issues of most concern to them are:

- Activities and facilities for children and young people
- Groups and activities to support health and well being
- Opportunities for residents to get involved in their local community
- Range of courses and activities available at community centres
- Transport provision, particularly those on low incomes and with health issues.



6 - Port Glasgow locality priorities

As a result of the extensive engagement that has taken place the following priorities will be taken forward through the locality plan for Port Glasgow.

- Children and Young People living in Port Glasgow will have activities and facilities that meet their needs.
- Improve health and wellbeing for people living in Port Glasgow
- People living in Port Glasgow are involved in local democracy and decision making.
- People living in Port Glasgow will be able to access local community centres for learning and development opportunities.
- People living in Port Glasgow with health challenges or are on a low income will be able to access transport.
- Specific actions relating to Port Glasgow are outlined in the Locality Action Plan in section 9.



7 - Community assets

Port Glasgow has a range of physical assets and details of these are contained within the table below. It is important that these assets are fully utilised for the benefit of residents in Port Glasgow and that consideration is given as to how these assets could be better used in order to improve the quality of life and deliver better outcomes for local people.

People assets (Voluntary / Community Groups)

Boglestone Community Centre
Muirshiel Resource Centre
Slaemuir Tenants and Residents Association
Kelburn Community Action Group
Chapelton TARA
Devol Community Association
Upper Port Glasgow Social Club
Doric Masonic Lodge
Port Glasgow Golf club
Port Glasgow Boys Club
Port Glasgow Junior Football Club
Old Men's Club
Port Glasgow Bowling Club
Port Glasgow Angling Club
Port Glasgow Victoria Amateur Boxing Club
Port Glasgow Boat Club
2nd Port Glasgow Boys Brigade
Parklea Bowling Club
Ancient Order of Hibernian
Port Glasgow Community Sports Hub
Port Glasgow Youth Club
Port Glasgow Youth Club
Work Club - Port Glasgow Library

Work Club - Enterprise Centre
Cross Stitching (WOOPI)
Rusty Boat Young People's Theatre Company
Roving Reporters / Research Group (WOOPI)
Port Glasgow High School Parent Council
Port Glasgow Credit Union
The Massabielle group
The Salvation Army Port Glasgow
Port Glasgow Otters Swimming Club
Boglestone Judo Club
Port Glasgow Angling Club

Physical assets

Schools / Nurseries

St Stephen's and Port High School Joint Campus
Craigmarloch School
Newark Primary School and Nursery Classes
Rainbow Family Centre
St Michael's Primary School
St Francis Primary School and Early Years

Places of Worship

St Andrews Church

Physical assets

St John the Baptist RC Church
St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
Holy Family RC Church
Port Glasgow URC Church St John's Primary School and Early Years

Leisure

Port Glasgow Swimming Pool
Boglestone Community Centre Gym

Health

Port Glasgow Health Centre
Dubbs Road Medical Practice
3 Pharmacies
4 Dental Practice
2 Care Homes

Public transport

Scotrail Stations - Port Glasgow, Woodhall, Bogston.
Port Glasgow Bus Station

Culture and heritage assets

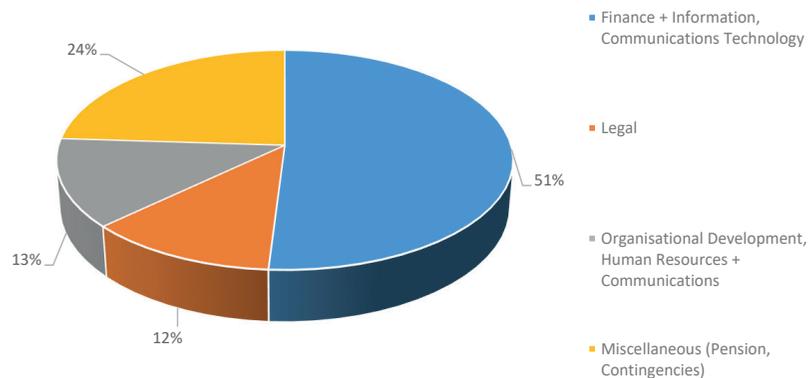
Newark Castle
Coronation Park



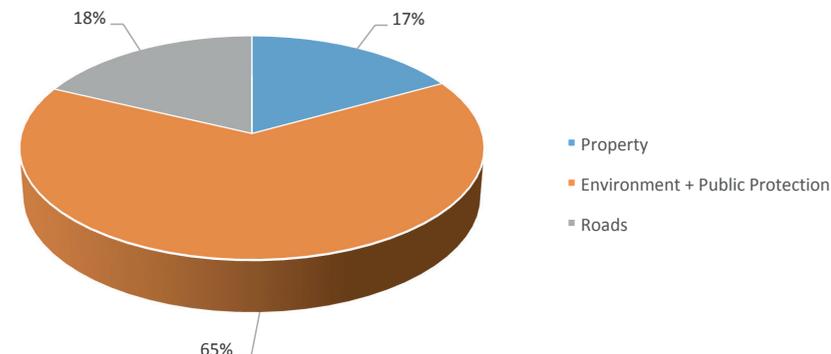
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Council 2019/20 Budgets expenditure breakdown by Service and Income

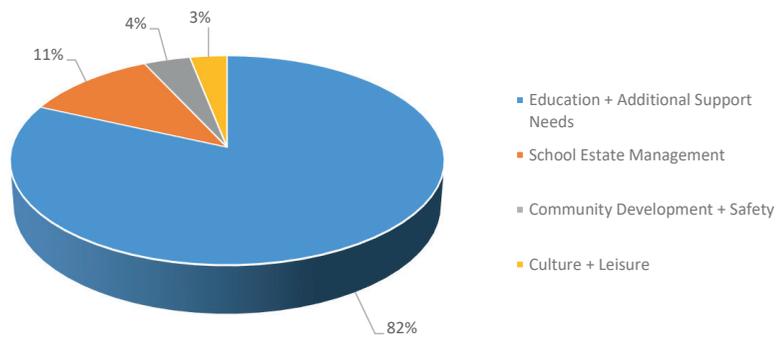
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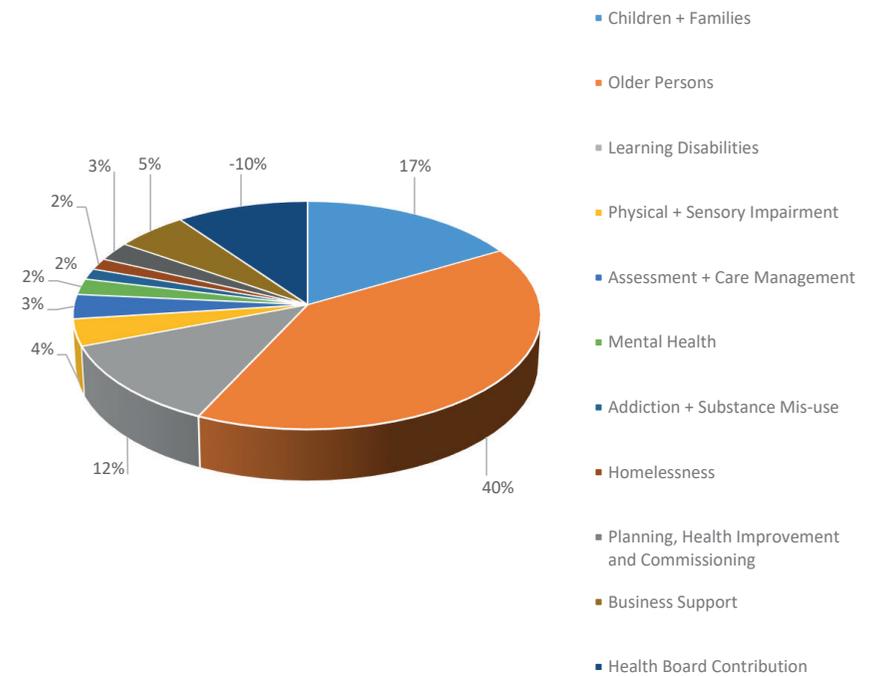
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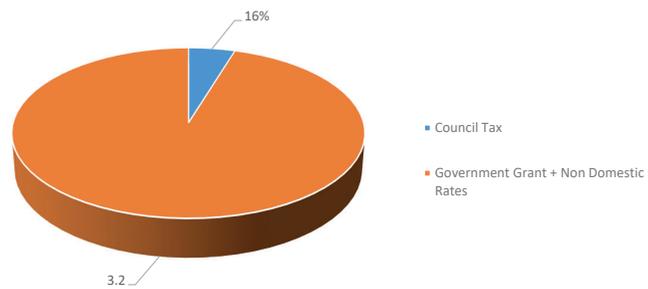
Education and Communities Committee



Health and Social Care Committee



Where the money comes from: 2019/20 budget



9 - Port Glasgow locality action plan

What do we want to achieve?	LOIP Priority	Link to HSCP Six Big Actions	Actions to take this forward	Lead	Timescale/ Progress
Children and young people living in Port Glasgow will have activities and facilities that meet their needs.	Repopulation Inequalities	A nurturing Inverclyde will give our children and young people the best start in life.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure good communication about all activities and facilities for children and young people is in place. • Review the provision of activities available in Port Glasgow for children and young people to participate in. • Engage with young people in Port Glasgow. 	CLD – Youth Work	
Improve health and wellbeing for people living in Port Glasgow.	Inequalities	Reducing inequalities by building stronger communities and improving physical and mental health.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure communication with support groups for issues that are currently in place for mental health and wellbeing. • Groups that provide support to improve wellbeing are supported. 	HSCP Community and Third Sector Organisations.	
People living in Port Glasgow are involved in local democracy and decision making.	Inequalities	We will build on the strengths of our people and our community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the processes that currently exist. • Residents are able to have their say on the key issues in their community and influence what action is taken. • Information and opportunities to take part in participatory budgeting is available to residents. • Improved communication and information available to residents on what events and activities are available locally. 	HSCP Community and Third Sector Organisations	
People living in Port Glasgow will be able to access local community centres for learning and development opportunities.	Inequalities	We will build on the strengths of our people and our community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Users of community centres are consulted on the courses and classes they would like to be provided. • Activities that help people to connect with their community and increase confidence and self-esteem are provided. 	Environment Regeneration and Resources Community Learning and Development	
People living in Port Glasgow with health challenges or are on a low income will be able to access transport.	Repopulation, Inequalities, Environment, Culture and Heritage	We will support more people to fulfil their right to live at home or within a homely setting and promote independent living.	<p>The following will be explored;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing public transport provision in the evenings and compliance with Strathclyde Passenger Transport Policy. • Opportunities to subsidise travel for people on low incomes and the effectiveness of “my bus” with respect to supporting people with health issues. • Constraints on access to services and jobs for people on low income. 	HSCP Environment, Regeneration and Resources,	